The CASE of the *Tobacco-pipe-makers* of *England*; Humbly Offered to the Conſideration of PARLIAMENT.

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THE making of *Tobacco pipes*, not being a Trade in the 5th of Queen *Elizabeth*: Thoſe of that Trade now, are not comprehended within the Statute for Labourers, then made.

Since the fifth of the Queen, the making of *Pipes* is become a Trade; many Thouſands have been bound, and ſerved Seven years Apprentiſhips, to learn the skill of making good *Pipes*; and ever ſithence, the *17th* of King *James*, they have been Incorporated, by the names of the *Maſter*, *Wardens* and *Aſſiſtants* of the *Tobacco-pipe-makers*.

Since their being thus Incorporated, and enabled to take Apprentices, the Trade is very much improved; better *Pipes* are made than was before, and vaſt quantities are ſent yearly out of *England*; by making and Exporting whereof, his Majeſties Cuſtoms is increaſed, and many thouſands of his poor (yet Loyal) Subjects, with their numerous Families, have hitherto been kept from ſtarving, but are now likely to be ſpeedily and totally ruined, by reaſon of *Cooks*, *Bakers*, *Alehouſe-keepers*, and other Tradeſmen, their unskilfulneſs in making *Pipes*; yet taking upon them to make and Export the ſame, which by reaſon of their Ill-making, hath brought the Commodity in diſeſteem beyond the Seas; and if not ſpeedily prevented, will hinder all Exportation for the future, as well as occaſion the Importation of vaſt quantities from beyond Seas into *England*; which inevitably will deſtroy many thouſands of families, and hinder the Conſumption of the growth and Manufactures of the Kingdom.

Wherefore the ſaid *Tobacco-pipe-makers* become moſt Humble Suitors to both the moſt Honourable Houſes of Parliament, to paſs a ſhort Act, whereby they may be Comprehended within the Statute of Labourers, made in the *5th* year of Queen *Elizabeth*; and that none for the future may follow that Trade, but thoſe who now Exerciſe (or ſuch who ſhall hereafter ſerve ſeven years Apprentiſhip) to learn that Trade:

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And they ſhall pray.